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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS SESSION FEBRUARY 25

1. IN SHORT SESSION TUESDAY, 3 P.M. TO 5:30 P.N., BG
ADOPTED SIX-POINT AGENDA, PASSED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
REPORT (SEE SEPTTEL) AMID NUMBER OF EXHORTATIONS BY
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ADVANCED STATES TO INCREASE LEVEL
OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, AND APPROVED US/IAEA/ISRAEL
TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT (GOV/1712) AND NPT SAFE-
GUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH SWEDEN (GOV/1713), TONGA (GOV/1721),
GABON (GOV/1722), PLUS IAEA/SPAIN SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT TO
COVER ENRICHED URANIUM TO BE SUPPLIED BY USSR (GOV/1723).
STANDARD NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WITH AFGHANISTAN AND
SUDAN (JUST ISSUED) WILL BE TAKEN UP IN WEDNESDAY MORNING
SESSION ALONG WITH REST OF AGENDA.

2. ONLY SURPRISING ISSUE RAISED SO FAR HAS BEEN UNWELCOME
AND ILL-CONSIDERED INTERVENTION BY ZANGGER (SWITZERLAND)
FOLLOWING INTERPRETATION STATEMENT BY DG ON NO-MILITARY-
USES UNDERTAKING IN SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS AS PRECLUDING,
INTER ALIA, MANUFACTURE, TESTING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
PNE'S, AND NOTING THAT SECRETARIAT WOULD ADOPT PRACTICE,
IN ORDER AVOID NECESSITY FOR EXCHANGES OF NOTES, AS IN CASE
OF SPANISH UNILATERAL SUBMISSION, OF INCLUDING EXPLICIT
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PROHIBITION IN FUTURE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS. ZANGGER

EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS AT DG STATEMENT, AND WENT ON AT LENGTH TO EXPLAIN FACT THAT SWISS FIRMS WERE ENGAGED IN R AND D ON RELEASES OF ENERGY THROUGH LASER-INDUCED IMPLOSIONS, WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED TO BE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, AND FURTHER, THAT POSSIBILITY OF USING PNE'S TO CREATE LARGE UNDERGROUND CAVITIES FOR OIL STORAGE WAS ALSO BEING STUDIED. THEREFORE, SWITZERLAND NOT PREPARED AT THIS TIME AGREE TO BLANKET PROHIBITION IN ABSENCE CLEAR DEFINITION OF "NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE". ZANGGER'S COMMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.

3. SHORT DISCUSSION UK PNE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (ITEM 6 ON AGENDA) IS SCHEDULED TO FOLLOW DIRECTLY ITEM 2, SAFEGUARDS. JUDGING FROM OPENING SESSION, MISSION ANTICIPATES LENGTHY WEDNESDAY SESSION, PERHAPS CARRYING OVER TO THURSDAY MORNING, PARTICULARLY IF PNE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION IS DISCUSSED TWICE (I.E., DIRECTLY AFTER ITEM 2 AND AGAIN AS ITEM 6).TAPE

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